

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 388

By Powell

A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Tamara Key Price of Nashville.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the untimely passing of Tamara Key Price, a native Nashvillian who had spent her entire life helping others in myriad ways; and

WHEREAS, during her teenage years, she was a candy striper, nanny, and Special Olympics coach at various times, and that was only the beginning of her compassionate service to her community and society's most vulnerable citizens; and

WHEREAS, after receiving her bachelor's degree in social work from Middle Tennessee State University in 1991, Tamara Price subsequently returned to her studies and earned a master's degree in guidance and counseling from Tennessee State University, participating in a practicum with the Mental Health Cooperative Mobile Crisis Team while carrying a full course load and waiting tables; and

WHEREAS, as a social worker, Ms. Price spent the past eighteen years coordinating and monitoring services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities; she had previously served as a therapist at a community mental health clinic and a wilderness camp counselor; and

WHEREAS, deeply committed to improving her neighborhood and community, Tamara Price was a passionate advocate for adoption, social justice, disability rights, public education, and Nystagmus awareness; and

WHEREAS, she found her true purpose in motherhood when she and her husband, Lex, traveled to China in 2014 to adopt the love and light of her life, Maya GuanXin, who was then six years old; and

WHEREAS, after being diagnosed with breast cancer in July 2019, Tamara Price cherished every moment with her family, creating Camp Priceless, a backyard hideout where she, Lex, and Maya engaged in various activities while enjoying each other's company; and

WHEREAS, throughout her illness and seventeen months of treatment, she advocated for breast cancer research; taking an active role in her own care, Ms. Price kept current about the latest research and pursued every available treatment to buy more time with her family; and

WHEREAS, a woman who demonstrated great love, respect, and compassion for her fellow human beings, Tamara Price had countless friends from every chapter of her life, including many close bonds she made during her treatment; and

WHEREAS, in addition to Lex and Maya, she is survived by her mother, Georgene Farris Brinkley (Jere); three aunts, Marlin Farris McGrew (Michael), Lynn Farris Andrews (Bobby), and Brenda Farris; stepbrother, Brian Walker Brinkley (Nicole); sister, Mandy Krahn; mother-in-law and father-in-law, Eunice and Lex Price, Sr.; sister-in-law, Joyce Reed (George); brother-in-law, Jim Prahl; and numerous cousins, nieces, and nephews; and

WHEREAS, Tamara Price was preceded in death by her father, Herman Lee Key, Jr.; grandparents, Herman Lee Key (Elsie), George Luthor Farris, and Dana Lee Farris; and uncle, Perry Phillip Farris; and

WHEREAS, Tamara Key Price was an exceptional person whose example we would all do well to emulate, and her legacy of kindness and commitment to others lives on through her husband, Lex, and daughter, Maya; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED TWELFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Tamara Key Price, reflecting fondly upon her bountiful life that continues to serve as a beacon of light in her family and her community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Tamara Key Price.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy and upon proper request made to the appropriate clerk, the language appearing immediately following the State seal appear without House or Senate designation.